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SUMMARY: DISCUSSIONS ON JUNE 17 AND 18 RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT TO LATEST UK PROPOSALS ON NEW FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZER ITEM. US AND DUTCH RESERVED THROUGHOUT. BRITISH WITHDREW SUBITEMS (D)(I)(3) AND (4), AGREEING WITH DUTCH AND JAPANESE THAT THESE EQUIPMENTS WERE UNEMBARGOED. BRITISH ALSO REVISED FURTHER THEIR PROPOSALS ON SUBITEM (E), BUT DISCUSSION WAS POSTPONED FOR FURTHER RECONSIDERATION IN FACE OF FRENCH REQUEST FOR FINER RESOLUTION CUT-OFF. IN SPITE OF THIS "PROVOCATION" UK AND OTHERS PERSERVERED AND URGED US TO BASE ITS ACTION ON OUTSTANDING PROPOSALS RATHER THAN COMPLICATE DISCUSSION WITH A COMPLETELY NEW REVISION. ACTION REQUESTED: FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, SOONEST. END SUMMARY.

1. ALL DELEGATIONS REGRETTED THAT US, PER REFTL, HAD BEEN UNABLE TO STUDY THIS ISSUE ADEQUATELY ENOUGH TO PERMIT USDEL TO TAKE POSITIONS AT LEAST ON UK PROPOSAL IN DOC REV (74) 1500 NI 1/5, EVEN IF NOT ON LATEST UK REVISION IN /6. DELEGATIONS WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED

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THAT ALL MIGHT HAVE TO GO BACK TO SQUARE ONE IN FACE OF

PROPOSED US COUNTERPROPOSAL PRIOR TO ROUND IV. SPEAKING FOR THEM, UKDEL--AT CLOSE OF DISCUSSION ON IL 1501--AGAIN URGED US TO TAKE POSITIONS (HOPEFULLY ONES WHICH WOULD PERMIT UNANIMITY) ON BASIS OF PROPOSALS NOW BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON THIS ITEM AND THE RELATED ASPECTS OF IL 1501, 1516, 1517, AND 1529.

2. DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF HIS EXPERTS, DUTCH DEL WAS ALSO LARGELY UNINSTRUCTED ON UK PROPOSALS AND TOOK A POSITION OF RESERVE ON ALL ELEMENTS DISCUSSED. DURING TOUR OF TABLE ON THE PRINCIPLE INVOLVED IN UK PROPOSALS, DUTCH DEL SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE UNHAPPY WITH THE IDEA OF ONE FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZER ITEM--CROSS-REFERENCED TO OTHER RELATED ITEMS--AND PREFERRED THE PRESENT FORMAT. NEVERTHELESS, THE DUTCH WOULD NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF UNANIMITY. EXCEPT FOR THE USDEL, WHO ALSO ENTERED A FORMAL RESERVE, ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS AGREED, THE FRENCH POINTING OUT THAT THE UK PROPOSALS WERE COMPREHENSIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE, AND TOOK ACCOUNT OF PRACTICALLY ALL PROBLEMS. THEY FELT THE TREND OPENED BY THE UK PROPOSALS WAS PRACTICALLY IRREVERSIBLE.

3. ALWAYS EXCEPTING US AND DUTCH RESERVES, BALANCE OF ITEM WAS LARGELY AGREED ON PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH REVIEW. HEADING AND SUBITEM (A) CAUSED NO DISCUSSION.

4. UKDEL POINTED OUT SUBITEM (B) SUBSTITUTED FOR PORTION OF THE PRESENT IL 1529 AND POINTED OUT THAT AGREEMENT TO DELETION OF SUBITEM (B)(II) FROM THEIR PROPOSAL IN /6 ALSO IMPLIED THE DELETION OF PRESENT SUBITEM (C), IL 1529, AND THIS WAS "AGREED" ON THAT BASIS. BECAUSE OF DUTCH AND US RESERVES, CHAIRMAN DEALT WITH BALANCE OF SUBITEM (B) UTILIZING NUMBERING IN DOC /5. ON SUBITEM (B)(V), MACCOLLOUGH POINTED OUT THAT MODIFICATION HERE HAD RESULTED FROM EARLIER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH AND REFLECTED THEIR INTENT TO CONTROL WIDE BAND EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD BE USED WITH A TRANSMITTER FOR JAMMING PURPOSES, BUT YET NOT TO COVER LABORATORY INSTRUMENTS WHICH HAVE AN "AUXILIARY" OUTPUT OF THE REFERENCE FREQUENCY WHICH CAN BE USED TO SET OR CHECK OTHER INSTRUMENTS. DISCUSSION AMONG JAPANESE (WHO HAD A PAR-

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TICULAR INSTRUMENT IN MIND WHICH THEY WISHED TO FREE), FRENCH AND BRITISH RESULTED IN AMENDMENT INSERTING "DIFFERENT SELECTED SYNTHESIZED" AFTER "THREE" IN THAT SUBITEM. ALL OTHERS AGREED TO THIS, AS WELL AS TO A SIMILAR INSERTION IN SUBITEM (E)(IV). SUBITEM (VI) WAS ADDED BY THE BRITISH TO MAKE SURE THAT EQUIPMENT WHICH

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MIGHT BE USED WITH TRANSMITTER OR RADAR CANNOT PROVIDE PULSE MODULATION. BECAUSE THEY SAW SOME POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP TO PCM ISSUE, GERMANS ALSO RESERVED ON THIS POINT WITH US AND DUTCH.

5. SUBITEM (C) WAS ACCEPTED BUT FOR US AND DUTCH RESERVES. TYPO AT END OF LINE 2, TOP OF PAGE 2 OF /5 SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO "560" CHANNELS. DUTCH CONTINUED THEIR RESERVE ON SUBITEM (D) EVEN THOUGH UK POINTED OUT THAT IT SOUGHT TO TAKE ACCOUNT, IN SUBITEMS (D)(I)(3) AND (4) OF THE CONCERN VOICED IN ROUND II. AFTER GERMANS QUESTIONED THAT ANY ENTERTAINMENT-TYPE RECEIVER, MANUALLY SWITCH, COULD MEET SWITCHING SPEED CUT-OFF, AND AFTER JAPANESE DREW ATTENTION TO GENERAL NOTE 2 TO THE 1500 SERIES, UKDEL WITHDREW THOSE TWO SUBITEMS. ALL OTHER SUBITEMS OF (D) WERE "AGREED".

7. AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION (WHICH WE WILL LEAVE TO THE SECRETARIAT RECORD) UK FURTHER MODIFIED SUBITEM (E)(II) AND (III). IN THE FORMER THEY PROPOSED A 1KHZ RESOLUTION FIGURE, AND TO THE LATTER THEY ADDED THE FOLLOWING EXCLUSION:
"EXCEPT (1) TELEVISION BROADCASTING TRANSMITTERS HAVING AN OUTPUT FREQUENCY FROM 470 MHZ TO 960 MHZ WITH A FREQUENCY RESOLUTION OF NOT BETTER THAN 1 KHZ AND WHERE THE MANUALLY OPERATED FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZER INCOR-

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PORATED IN OR DRIVING THE TRANSMITTER HAS
AN OUTPUT FREQUENCY NOT GREATER THAN 120 MHZ.

(2) FM AND AM GROUND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR
USE IN THE LAND MOBILE SERVICE AND OPERATING IN THE
420-470 MHZ BAND WITH A POWER OUTPUT OF 50 W FOR MO-
BILE UNITS AND 300 W FOR FIXED UNITS WITH A FREQUENCY
RESOLUTION OF NOT BETTER THAN 12.5 KHZ (6.25 KHZ?)
AND WITH A SPEED OF SWITCHING FROM ONE
SELECTED OUTPUT FREQUENCY TO ANOTHER SELECTED OUTPUT
FREQUENCY OF GREATER THAN 50 MS."
AS TO (II) FRENCH PROPOSED A RESOLUTION OF 0.25 KHZ FOR
THE BANDWIDTHS 41-68, 87.5-100, 174-216, AND 216-223 MHZ
BECAUSE OF CIVIL APPLICATIONS IN THESE RANGES. UK
ASKED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THEY
COULD STUDY MATTER FURTHER. IN (E)(III) MOST DELEGATIONS
WERE ABLE TO ACCEPT ONLY AD REF, AND FRENCH SUGGESTED EX-
CLUSION (1) BE FOR MANUALLY OPERATED TYPES ONLY, AND IN
EXCLUSION (2) SHOULD BE AT 6.25 KHZ TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF
INCREASING DENSITY OF EUROPEAN SPECTRUM USE.

8. SINCE THE DEFINITION NOTE HAD ALREADY BEEN PROPOSED
BY THE GERMANS IN ROUND II AND AGREED THEN BY ALL DELE-
GATIONS, US AND DUTCH (WITHIN THEIR GENERAL RESERVES)
JOINED OTHER DELEGATIONS IN CONFIRMING ACCEPTANCE. LAST
TWO LINES IN /5 SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO READ "...FROM ONE
OR MORE OUTPUTS, CONTROLLED BY A LESSER NUMBER OF STAN-
DARD (OR MASTER) FREQUENCIES."

9. WHILE, FOR A BIT, THE BRITISH SEEMED TO LOSE HEART IN
THE FACE OF FURTHER FRENCH NIT-PICKING (E.G., ON SUBITEM
(E)), THEY REBOUNDED AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO SUPPLY A FUR-
THER REDRAFT IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE OUT STANDING PROB-
LEMS. AS NOTED ABOVE, DUTCH WILL NOT STAND IN THE WAY
OF UNANIMITY. THE US IS THEREFORE THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL
RESOLUTION OF THIS ITEM AND WE WOULD RECOMMEND, AS UK AND
OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE ASKED US TO DO, THAT WASHINGTON
PLACE EMPHASIS ON REACHING DECISIONS ON PRESENT FORMAT OF
THIS SYSTEM OF ITEMS AND NOT TRY TO DO A MAJOR REDRAFT.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY TRANSMISSION OF INSTRUCTIONS
ON DOCS REV (74) 1500 NI 1/5 AND /6, AS WELL AS ON RELAT-
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